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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - November 22, 2005**

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that JASON WAYNE CLINE and SHARONMARIE BALL pled guilty today in federal district court in San Diego to a single-count indictment that charged each of them with the attempted murder of John J. Ball, a Petty Officer Second Class stationed at Naval Air Station North Island, who is the husband of defendant BALL.

According to court documents, on April 5, 2005, the defendants, CLINE and BALL, attempted to kill John J. Ball by stabbing him with a large knife. In connection with their guilty pleas, defendants CLINE and BALL admitted that they planned to kill John J. Ball several days prior to the incident, and had purchased the knife two days prior to the attack. Defendant CLINE flew from Dallas, Texas to California to meet with BALL and effectuate the murder. Defendant BALL lured her husband to a predetermined area on North Island where defendant CLINE was lying in wait. CLINE is a sergeant in the United States Army stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 6, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., before United States District Court Judge

Marilyn L. Huff.

**DEFENDANTS**

1. JASON WAYNE CLINE
2. SHARONMARIE BALL

**SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1113 (Attempted Murder) and 2 (Aiding and Abetting)  
Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration and a \$250,000 fine.

**AGENCIES**

Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
Federal Bureau of Investigation